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FLOYD KALBER: "A committee of 12 Senators who act as the overseers for the United States Central Intelligence Agency met today with CIA Director, Mr. Richard Helms, to hear about secret subsidies the agency has been giving to support various organizations. Of primary interest was the support given for 15 years to the National Student Association. After the closed door meeting Helms told newsmen that some of its clandestine financing would be stopped.

"Senator Richard Russell, who heads the Senate group, said that he thought the effectiveness of the CIA has been greatly damaged by the disclosure of the CIA-Student Association financing. But Russell also said the charges that the financing hurt academic freedom were just a lot of hogwash.

"Senator Robert Kennedy projected himself into this dispute today defending the CIA activities saying its unfair that the agency should take the wrap for this. Kennedy added, the fault lies with the Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson Administrations for approving the CIA activity."

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